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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chairman, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups in the following pattern of rotation: (a) Group of African States; (b) Group of Eastern European States; (c) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Group of Western European and Other States; and (e) Group of Asian States.

At its forty-ninth session, the Committee may wish to elect the Chairman from the Group of African States in accordance with the agreed pattern of rotation for the post of Chairman, and the Rapporteur from the regional group that occupied the post of Chairman the previous year, namely, the Group of Asian States.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50, the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its forty-ninth session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Council and the Assembly. In its resolution 59/267, the Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as set out in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit. In that connection, the Committee will select at its organizational meeting, under agenda item 2, the report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit that it will consider at its forty-ninth session under agenda item 5.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and decision 54/474, attention is drawn to Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2000/8, which contains the approved Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the forty-ninth session (E/AC.51/2009/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2009/L.2)

3. Programme questions

(a) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

In its resolution 58/269, the General Assembly affirmed that the strategic framework should constitute the principal policy directive of the United Nations and serve as the basis for programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation, and requested the Secretary-General to include in the introduction of the budget fascicles information on the new and/or revised mandates approved by the Assembly subsequent to the adoption of the biennial programme plan. The Assembly requested the Committee, in performing its programmatic role in the planning and budgeting process, to review the programmatic aspects of the new and/or revised mandates, as well as any differences that arose between the biennial programme plan and the programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget.

By its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee at its forty-seventh session,[1] that the Assembly decide to maintain the strategic framework as the principal policy directive of the United Nations with effect from the biennium 2010-2011 and to continue to include part one: plan outline, in the strategic framework. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to improve the format of part one and the reflection of the longer-term objectives therein and reaffirmed that the Committee should, in performing its programmatic role in the planning and budgeting process, continue to review the programmatic aspects of the new and/or revised mandates approved subsequent to the adoption of the biennial programme plan, as well as any differences that may arise between the biennial programme plan and the programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget, in accordance with its terms of reference, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

In its resolution 63/247, the Assembly decided on the priorities for the biennium 2010-2011, which would form the basis for preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the changes to the biennial programme plan as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/64/__)

Biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2010-2011 (A/63/6/Rev.1)

(b) Evaluation

In its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee at its forty-seventh session on improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate, whereby it would consider in-depth and thematic evaluation reports, as well as the report on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives, in budget years, without prejudice to its consideration of evaluation

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/62/16).

reports in off-budget years, upon its request or that of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, taking into account rule 107.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.[2]

In accordance with regulation 7.4 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the Committee will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the evaluation role and the application of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives. In this regard, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the relevant sections of General Assembly resolutions 36/228 B, 37/234, 38/227 A and B, 42/215, 43/219, 44/194, 45/253, 55/234, 57/282 and 59/276.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/64/__)

(i) In-depth evaluation

In its resolution 61/235, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-sixth session,[3] selecting the topic United Nations support for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and Africa for in-depth evaluation to be presented to the Committee for its consideration in 2009.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the evaluation of United Nations support to the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and Africa (E/AC.51/2009/2)

(ii) Thematic evaluations

In its resolution 61/235 the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the Committee in paragraph 370 of its report at its forty-sixth session[3] that a thematic evaluation be presented to the Committee for its consideration on the topic "Lessons learned: protocols and practices" and on United Nations coordinating bodies, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244 and 59/272.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on thematic evaluation of lessons learned: protocols and practices (E/AC.51/2009/5)

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[2] ST/SGB/2000/8.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/61/16 and Corr.1).

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on thematic evaluation of United Nations coordinating bodies, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B, 54/244 and 59/272 (E/AC.51/2009/6)

(iii) Triennial review

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 61/235 and 62/224, the Committee, at its forty-ninth session, will undertake a triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations of the in-depth evaluation of political affairs: regional division, and the triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee on the thematic evaluation of knowledge management networks in the pursuit of the goals of the Millennium Declaration.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on political affairs: regional division (E/AC.51/2009/3)

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review on the thematic evaluation of knowledge management networks in the pursuit of the goals of the Millennium Declaration (E/AC.51/2009/4)

4. Coordination questions

(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2008/09.

In paragraph 5 of its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-seventh session[1] regarding the annual overview report of CEB for 2006/07. In paragraph 13 of the same resolution, the Assembly invited the Economic and Social Council to utilize the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee when considering the related reports of CEB.

In paragraph 6 of its resolution 63/247, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in chapter III, section A of the report of the Committee on its forty-eighth session,[4] on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2008/09 (E/2009/ __)

(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development

In its resolution 60/257, the Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee on the New Partnership for Africa's Development. In paragraph 237 of

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/63/16).

its report at its forty-fifth session,[5] the Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to report to the Committee at its forty-sixth session, and annually thereafter, on the progress, including problems, obstacles and challenges, as well as the goals of the United Nations system, to be achieved in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

In paragraph 6 of its resolution 63/247, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee, contained in chapter III, section B, of the report of the Committee on its forty-eighth session,[4] on the annual overview report on the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2009/7)

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Under agenda item 5, the Committee will consider the relevant report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to be decided upon by the Committee during its organizational session, on 30 April 2009.

In its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations on improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate as contained in chapter V of the report of the Committee on its forty-seventh session.[1] The Committee recognized the need to enhance its dialogue on coordination issues with the Joint Inspection Unit and the CEB secretariat. In the same resolution, the Assembly also emphasized that, in full accordance with its mandate to assist the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on coordination, the Committee on Programme and Coordination should enhance its coordination role, through improved cooperation with the CEB secretariat and the Joint Inspection Unit, in order to increase planning efficiency and effectiveness so as to continue to ensure the timeliness of the implementation of, and prevent duplication and redundancy in, the action of the Organization.

Documentation

Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit (see E/AC.51/2009/L.2)

6. Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate

The Committee has been considering the item entitled "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate" annually since its thirty-eighth session.

In its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee regarding improving its working methods and procedures within the framework of its mandate, as set out in chapter V of the report of the Committee on its forty-seventh session.[1]

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[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/60/16 and Corr.1).

In its resolution 63/247, the Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations on improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate, contained in chapter IV of the report of the Committee on its forty-eighth session,[4] and welcomed the progress made by the Committee in improving its working methods and procedures within the framework of its mandate, as well as the Committee's decision to remain seized of the matter.

7. Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fiftieth session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents, their contribution to its work, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Committee (E/AC.51/2009/L.3)

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-ninth session

The report of the Committee on its forty-ninth session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009 and to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-ninth session (E/AC.51/2009/L.4 and Add.1-__)

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its forty-ninth session (A/64/16)

Annex

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 2009[a]

Member	*Term expires on 31 December*
Argentina	2011
Armenia	2011
Bangladesh	2010
Belarus	2011
Brazil	2011
Central African Republic	2011
China	2010
Comoros	2009
Cuba	2011
France	2009
Guinea	2011
Haiti	2009
India	2011
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2011
Italy	2011
Jamaica	2010
Kazakhstan	2011
Kenya	2010
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2010
Niger	2010
Nigeria	2011
Pakistan	2011
Republic of Korea	2010
Russian Federation	2009
South Africa	2011
Spain	2011
Ukraine	2011
Uruguay	2011
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2009
Zimbabwe	2009

[a] There are four vacancies from the Group of Western European and other States: one for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2009 and three for members whose terms would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2011.